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Upon instructions from my Government, and following my letters dated 16-20 and 23-25 April, 7, 11, 14-16, 18, 21 and 24 May 2012, I have the honour to transmit herewith a detailed list of violations of cessation of violence that were committed by armed groups in Syria on 23 May 2012 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Rif Dimashq governorate

1. At 2015 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement checkpoint in Jisrayn.

2. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the district of Dayr al-'Asafir, fatally wounding one, Majid Muhammad Talib Sibagh.

3. At 2115 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol on the Damascus-Saburah road, killing Staff Sergeant Hawash Fandi.

4. At 2130 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened intensive and indiscriminate fire in Duma.

5. At 2200 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement checkpoints in the district of Jadidah 'Atruz and shut down the electricity network.

6. At 2300 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire indiscriminately in the district of Mu'addamiyah.

7. At 2300 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted Major General Salah al-Din al-Nuaymi in the district of Hamah. He was freed by law enforcement forces in the Kufayr al-Zayt district.

8. At 0400 hours, an armed terrorist group attacked a military barracks in Jabal Darbil, wounding Lieutenant Milad Jaafar and stealing his weapon.

9. At 0740 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device beside a bus carrying military personnel between the airport road and their accommodation in Sayyidah Zaynab, killing Major Kifah Daakout along with five other personnel and wounding 19, including Lieutenant Colonel Adib Talib, Major Issam Asad, Captain Samir Hassoun and Lieutenant Najwan al-Bahloul.

10. At 0930 hours, an armed terrorist group held up a workman, Rizq Abu Zayid on the Damascus-Dar'a highway at Khirbat Ghazalah and stole the vehicle he was driving, registration No. 280018.

11. At 1100 hours, an armed terrorist group stole a vehicle, registration No. 143479, belonging to law enforcement forces, in the Babila district.

12. At 1630 hours, an armed terrorist group held up a vehicle, registration No. 170248, carrying rations to law enforcement forces at Nawlah in the district of Marj al-Sultan, abducting Staff Sergeant Dhia Hassan and Fayiz al-Hashash and seizing the vehicle.

13. In the town of Jadidah 'Atruz, an explosive device placed under a Mazda, registration No. 478306 / Damascus, detonated as it was being driven by policeman Tariq Muhammad Salih (born 1979) in the Jadidah 'Atruz municipality. He was taken to Kamal Hospital; the vehicle was completely burnt out.

14. In the Dayr al-'Asafir neighbourhood, an armed terrorist group seized a white Chevrolet Lacetti, registration No. 884800 / Damascus, from the owner, Issam Wafiq Hamza Rafi (born 1947).

15. In the city of Harasta, an armed terrorist group seized a white police Mercedes 230, registration No. 48714 / Police, from the driver, policeman Urfan al-Ghazzali.

16. In the town of Kafr Batna, an explosive device was detonated near the al-Khulani mosque, killing one unidentified person and wounding another, Adil ibn Raghib Ataya (born 1982), who was taken to the Raja Hospital in 'Irbin.

17. In the city of Darayya, an armed terrorist group shot and killed Mahmoud Salih Fashfash (born 1980 in Natur), in the Hawsh Balas neighbourhood.

18. In the town of Jaramana, the body of an Iraqi, Abdulhalim Alwan Qatalday (born 1979) was found, shot in the mouth and chest.

19. In the city of Darayya, the body of a man in his 30s was found near the Abdulbaqi gas station, shot in the head.

20. In the city of Duma, the headquarters of Rif Dimashq governorate were attacked by an armed terrorist group that ransacked the building and stole some of the contents.

21. An armed terrorist group entered Harasta secondary school for girls and abducted the assistant director, Hayfa al-Zarzouri, taking her to an unknown location.

22. At 0300 hours in the city of Harasta, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel. Fire was returned, resulting in the death of two armed men and the arrest of a third.

23. In the city of Nabk, an armed terrorist group opened intensive fire on a law enforcement checkpoint in the Sahl neighbourhood. Fire was returned, killing one armed man, Ahmad Hasan Amoun, a Lebanese national resident in the town of Mushrifah, and wounding several others.

24. An armed terrorist group attempted to abduct Brigadier Ridhwan al-Homsi and his son, Lieutenant Muhammad al-Homsi, from their home in Malihah. The aforementioned, together with his driver, resisted and shots were exchanged. The armed men fled and no one was injured.

25. The body of Dib Muhammad Dhayan (born 1975 in Malihah) was found shot.

26. A police patrol from the subdistrict of Sahnaya went to the aid of a water resources department squad drilling a water well in a farm behind the Yaman mosque, because the squad was late in returning. As it was impossible to contact them, the patrol went out to look for them. The five members of the patrol appear to have been killed, together with four water department employees. The patrol's vehicle and weapons were stolen.

Damascus governorate

27. At 0640 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device beside a military minibus between the districts of Halabuni and Hijaz, wounding four personnel inside.

28. At 1430, an armed terrorist group shot Ayman Mansour, owner of the Khawali restaurant in the Maydan neighbourhood, killing him and his friend, Issam al-Saman, and wounding Muhammad Akram Siniorah.

Dar'a governorate

29. At 2000 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted conscript Usama al-Mubasbas from a relative's home in Tafas.

30. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted policeman Jalal Abu Dahloush from in front of his house in Tafas.

31. At 2200 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement roadblocks in Jasim.

32. At 2300 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Da'il.

33. At 2400 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in 'Aliyah.

34. At 0700 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Chief Warrant Officer Zakariya al-Dhubyan in 'Alma while on his way to work.

35. At 0730 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Chief Warrant Officer Ghanim Jamous in Da'il while on his way to work

36. At 0830 hours, an armed terrorist group held up a Kia taxi, registration No. 150229, driven by Abdulrahman al-Homsi, in Yadudah.

37. At 1015 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Captain Fayez Bakour on his way to the town of Da'il.

38. At 1100 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on Muhammad al-Nusayrat in Ibta', wounding him and stealing the sum of 8,000 Syrian pounds.

39. At 1330 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Mahmoud al-Zoukani, in Busra al-Harir.

40. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Muhammad Nassar and Bashar al-Ghazi, shot and wounded them and left them on the road between the towns of east Karak and east Ghariyah.

41. At 1500 hours, an armed terrorist group held up and abducted conscript Mustafa al-Dus in Busra al-Sham.

42. At 1500 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated a noise bomb on the highway near the law enforcement checkpoint beside the gas station in Inkhil.

43. At 1900 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted conscript Muhammad al-Surour from in front of his house in Ma'riyah.

Homs governorate

44. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened sporadic fire on law enforcement personnel near the Makatib roundabout.

45. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened sporadic fire on law enforcement personnel near the Bab Tadmur roundabout.

46. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened sporadic fire on law enforcement personnel in Bab al-Siba'.

47. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened sporadic fire on law enforcement personnel in Wadi al-Sayih.

48. At 2240 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of Sultaniyah on law enforcement personnel in Kafr 'Aya.

49. At 2300 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Khalidiyah, wounding one.

50. At 2300 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Sultaniyah.

51. At 2345 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of Hamidiyah on law enforcement personnel near the police headquarters, wounding one.

52. At 2400 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel near the municipality building and church in Qusayr.

53. At 0300 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Sultaniyah.

54. At 0500 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel near the Rastan dam.

55. At 0600 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire and launched rocket-propelled grenades at law enforcement personnel near the farmers' union headquarters in Talbisah.

56. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Homs, fatally wounding Farhan al-Mashouj.

57. At 1100 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel near the Rastan bridge, wounding one.

58. At 1120 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on two fuel tankers passing near the district of Rastan, causing one of the tankers to explode and damaging the other.

59. At 1615 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Khalidiyah district, wounding Lieutenant Muhammad Sulayman.

60. At 1800 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of Sultaniyah on law enforcement personnel in Kafr 'Aya.

61. At 1915 hours, an armed terrorist group broke into the house of Brigadier Muhammad al-Misri, abducting him, his son, Ahmad al-Misri, and his cousin, Muhammad al-Misri, in Kafr 'Aya.

62. At 1930 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on the headquarters of the border guard battalion in Talkalakh.

63. Lieutenant Colonel Musaab al-Nahar (born 1970) was brought to the military hospital, fatally wounded by an armed terrorist group the previous day. Staff Sergeant Wisam Muhammad Hatim was brought to the same hospital, shot in the thigh in Cairo Street, together with a civilian, Khalil Nabih Yousef, who had been wounded by an armed terrorist group in the Qusur district.

64. An armed terrorist group opened fire and launched rocket-propelled grenades on the south-eastern part of the outer-city police station, causing two policemen to sustain shrapnel wounds: Samir Asim Huwayjah (born 1984) in the shoulder and thighs and Muhammad Muhsin ibn Ridhwan al-Salih (born 1990) in the left eye. The station sustained damage.

Hamah governorate

65. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group attacked a Pullman bus belonging to Adra Transport Company at Salim village on the Salmiyah-Damascus highway, wounding a woman.

66. At 2115 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device near Na'isah school in the Musha' al-Araba'in district.

67. At 2130 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Hamamiyat, killing Sergeant Qasim al-Khalaf.

68. At 2220 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement checkpoint near the Nasih Alwani school in the area of the Aleppo road and a law enforcement checkpoint near the Bahrah roundabout.

69. At 2230 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device in a school in the Sabil district.

70. At 2300 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement checkpoint near the Iskan roundabout in the Samak quarter.

71. At 2315 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group launched six rocket-propelled grenades at a law enforcement checkpoint near the workers' swimming pool in the area south of the stadium.

72. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group seized a Government vehicle, registration No. 984244, driven by Abdulqadir Qarzat, as it was passing through the Tibb quarter of the Fayha district.

73. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group seized a Government motorcycle, registration No. 11441, while the rider, Jamal al-Rifai, was passing near the Technical Supervision Institute in the Fayha district.

74. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group broke into Muhammad Ali Buraydah school in the Arba'in district, forcibly removing students from an examination and threatening to blow up the school.

75. At 0830 hours, an armed terrorist group planted an explosive device on the Hama-Salmiyah road, near the asphalt tipper.

76. At 1200 hours, an armed terrorist group seized a Renault station wagon, registration No. 972761, belonging to Bassam Khabbaz, in the village of 'Ain Qasrayn.

77. At 1205 hours, an armed terrorist group set fire to the house of retired Brigadier Ahamd Abdulrahman at the Khan Shaykhun turn-off, west of Tall Baqlo in the town of Qal'at al-Madiq.

78. At 1800 hours, an armed terrorist group held up a tanker carrying fuel oil and gasoline on the Raqqah-Salmiyah highway, at the Jabb Khasarah village turn-off, and seized four tanks.

79. At 1925 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement checkpoints near the Hamza towers and Sibahi roundabout. Amjad Karihat was shot by armed men and fatally wounded while passing near the Sibahi roundabout.

Aleppo governorate

80. At 2100 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group planted an explosive device in the Hanano residential district.

81. At 2200 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group planted an explosive device at the end of Nile Street in the city of Aleppo.

82. At 2300 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group planted explosive devices near the 7 April stadium in the Isma'iliyah locality.

83. At 0600 hours, an armed terrorist group planted explosive devices in two poultry farms in the village of Kufrah in the Mari' district, north of the village road.

84. At 1130 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device and opened fire on a law enforcement patrol escorting a truck and bulldozer returning to the Military Housing Establishment as they were travelling on the Aleppo-Darat 'Izzah road at the village of Bashantarah in the 'Anjarah district.

85. At 1630 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol as it was attempting to recover two stolen Iranian trucks in the Al Darbali quarter of the city of I'zaz, killing Warrant Officer Ghadir Yousef and wounding four other personnel.

86. Nine explosive devices were found inside a transparent plastic bag in the Jabal Badur neighbourhood, beside the Uthman ibn Affan mosque. Manufactured locally from one-inch diameter iron water pipes and 15 centimetres in length, they were fitted with a combustible fuse, filled with explosive substances and sealed with plastic tape. The bag was covered with shrapnel-like pieces of iron. Each device weighed half a kilogram.

87. An armed terrorist group abducted a four-year-old girl near the Mogambo roundabout.

88. An armed terrorist group shot and wounded a guard at the industrial zone.

89. An armed terrorist group abducted three personnel from the Suran subdistrict.

90. An armed terrorist group broke into the Ihtimalat telephone exchange.

91. An armed terrorist group abducted six policemen from the immigration and passports department.

Idlib governorate

92. At 2000 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel at the eastern entrance to the village of Kafr Rumah, Ma'arrat Nu'man, and set three vehicles belonging to the law enforcement forces on fire.

93. At 2200 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group broke into the house of Abdulrahman al-Sutuf in the village of Khan al-Subul and abducted his son Nizar, a conscript.

94. At 1500 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on two vehicles belonging to law enforcement forces in Jisr al-Shughur, coming from the Ghab district towards Idlib. Colonel Mudhar Muhammad was injured.

95. At 1500 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel at the Kinnsibba turn-off on the Ladhiqiyah-Jisr al-Shugur road.

96. Walid Abdulghafour Haboush (born 1975) claimed that armed men seized his commercial truck, registration No. 252344 / Aleppo, on 3 May 2012 at the Abu Dhuhur bridge on the Aleppo-Damascus Road. The truck, which was carrying plastic items and tables with an estimated value of 1,400,000 Syrian pounds, was returned to him empty.

97. Armed terrorist groups deployed a variety of military weapons, including heavy machine guns mounted on pickups, in a concentrated manner and patrolled the streets and districts of the city of Salqin. A fuel station belonging to the farmers' union was broken into.

98. An armed terrorist fired several shots from Russian-made rifles and pistols at Chief Warrant Officer Ghazi ibn Ahmad Hamdash (born 1965) in the city of Ariha, fatally wounding him.

Dayr al-Zawr governorate

99. At 2030 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group shot and killed Amin al-Huwaydi, a building contractor in the city of Dayr al-Zawr.

100. At 2200 hours on 22 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the city of Dayr al-Zawr, wounding one.

101. At 0100 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on two guard posts of the second company of border guards in Bukamal.

102. At 1200 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on the electricity substation at Talai'.

103. At 0500 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a guard post of the fourth company in Bukamal.

104. At 1130 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from between houses on law enforcement personnel in the subdistrict of Busayrah, during the visit of the United Nations observer mission. One of the law enforcement personnel was wounded.

105. At 0100 in the village of Qit'ah al-Bulayl, in the subdistrict of Muhasan, an armed terrorist group entered the 7 April farm, tied up the guard and ransacked the administration office. They stole a Government-owned Massey tractor, registration No. 116696 / Dayr al-Zawr, towing a tank containing 500 litres of fuel oil. They also

stole bags of agricultural fertilizer and 10 barrels of engine oil. They then fled in an unknown direction.

106. At 0200 an armed terrorist group entered the railway station in the village of Tabiyah Jazirah in the subdistrict of Khisham, ransacking the offices and looting the contents, including eight television sets, four refrigerators and a computer. They then fled in an unknown direction.

107. At 0600, security and law enforcement patrols in the subdistrict of Dhiban in the district of Mayadin came under fire from armed men.

108. At 1330, in the Qusur district of Dayr al-Zawr, security and law enforcement patrols came under fire while pursuing four armed terrorists on two motorcycles. Fire was returned, resulting in the death of three of the armed men and the seizure of their weapons; the fourth fled. A civilian was wounded and taken to hospital.

109. An explosive device targeting a law enforcement patrol was detonated, killing three of its members and wounding one.

110. At 1300, an armed terrorist group fired at Sergeant Mahmoud Adnan Umar al-Alwani.

111. At 0600, an armed terrorist group ambushed a group of border guards at 'Aziziyah in the Rawdhah desert on the Syrian-Iraqi border, resulting in the death of 10 border guards and the wounding of Lieutenant Colonel Ali Ismail.

112. An armed terrorist group set up a roadblock on the Dayr al-Zawr-Aleppo highway at the village of Kharitah.

Hasakah governorate

113. An armed terrorist group abducted Muhammad Rahmun, a member of the security and law enforcement forces, in 'Amuda.

114. An armed terrorist group abducted two policemen in the city of Qamishli.

Number of attacks and violations committed by armed terrorist groups on 23 May 2012

1		*2*		*3*		*4*		*5*		
Killed		*Wounded*		*Abducted*		*Firing of weapons and attacks against*		*Explosive devices*		
Civilians	*Law enforcement officers*	*Civilians*	*Law enforcement officers*	*Civilians*	*Law enforcement officers*	*Civilians*	*Law enforcement officers*	*Exploded*	*Defused*	*Exploded in manufacturing*
10	31	8	41	4	27	27	47	9	9	—

6		*7*
Attempted infiltration by armed persons and smuggling of weapons		
Infiltration	*Smuggling*	*Unidentified bodies discovered*
—	—	2